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Chandler J. Howard President & CEO

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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Chandler J. Howard President & CEO of Liberty Bank in Middletown, CT.

Lam writing to voice my-opposition to HB——6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed)

Chandler J. Howard